

Sermon on 6/7 Jan

## On Mission for God

Acts 1:1-11

Revd Christopher Chan



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## 6/7JAN 2024

## COLLECT FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Eternal God, who by the shining of a star led the wise men to the worship of your Son: guide by his light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may behold your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### LECTIONARY READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

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## Dear Cathedral community,

Happy New Year! I feel both privileged and humbled to be addressing you as the Acting Vicar of SAC.

Many of us will remember the end of 2023 as the time when the Nave restoration works were finally completed after almost two years. It has been a long journey, but looking back we clearly see God's hand at work in many ways, and we are deeply grateful for His blessing and favour. It is by His grace that we were able to hold a meaningful and moving dedication service on the night of Christmas Eve. The service was a celebration of God's goodness, and it was filled with much anticipation and excitement. I am certain that we would have heartily echoed the words of Psalm 69:9, "Zeal for Your house has consumed me!"

#### Now. what next?

When we began the restoration project, we spoke of it as a symbol of the work of spiritual renewal that we longed for God to do in our midst. So let us continue to cry out to Him for renewal and revival! Our zeal for His house must not focus merely on the physical church building; we must be zealous for God's work and, indeed, for God Himself! Let us renew our passion to pursue Him and bear fruit that will glorify His name. Let it be our heart's desire to see the work of God flourish here in SAC! This must entail our recommitment to the mission and ministry that He has entrusted to the Cathedral.

During the Covenant Service last Sunday, I exhorted us to see our worship services as a time of gathering to worship and serve God together. We must come not primarily to receive, but to give. Our foremost concern should not be to please ourselves, but to please God. Our service to Him must extend



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beyond the worship gathering; it must be our way of life. At the end of the Holy Communion service we hear the words, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Not only during but also after the worship service, we are to love and serve God, often doing so by loving and serving others within and without our church walls.

The apostle Peter exhorts us in 1 Peter 4:10: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." I pray that many more in our community will step up and answer the call to serve. This will enable SAC to be a healthy and strong church, because what really counts is not our seating capacity, but our serving and sending capacity! So will you do your part, as an expression of your zeal for God's house, to increase SAC's serving and sending capacity? If you are already serving, will you encourage and equip others to join you? If we would commit ourselves to doing this, I firmly believe that at this year's end we will be able to look back and say that it truly has been a happy year for us! May it be so, to the glory of God!



# PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

#### **THE WORLD**

There will be a record-breaking number of elections this year. At least 40 countries and territories are holding elections and these include economies, which contribute substantially, to the global GDP. From Taiwan and Indonesia to the EU and the U.S, the world could be re-shaped by more than four billion people (nearly half the world's population) casting election votes throughout 2024 (Channel News Asia). Pray for the election of godly men and women to government, that they will have the political will and courage to do what is right, serve sacrificially and be concerned about national as well as global issues.

The Red Sea is one of the world's most important maritime trade routes. However, ships using this route have been under attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels. Pray for international efforts to keep the Red Sea safe for ships as suspended transit through this route could potentially cause a shock to the global economy.

#### **SINGAPORE**

Thank God that by His grace, Singapore avoided a recession in 2023. As we face a more challenging international environment in 2024, with many geopolitical uncertainties, pray for God's divine wisdom and favour upon our government to n avigate Singapore through these troubled waters. Pray for our Prime Minister, Mr Lee Hsien Loong and our Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Lawrence Wong as they prepare for the leadership transition in November. Pray for a strong and united 4G team who will have clear vision, foresight and vigilance to govern Singapore in the ways of righteousness and justice.

#### **DIOCESE**

#### Chapel of the Holy Spirit

Pray for the Vicar, Revd Joseph You and his team

as they faithfully carry out God's mandate for His church in the New Year. In the midst of a world filled with turmoil and confusion, pray that church members will grow deeper in God and worship Him in spirit and truth.

#### **Chapel of Christ The King**

Thank God for His provision of St Margaret's Secondary School and St. John's Chapel which have accommodated CCK on their campus for 5 years and for the church rebuilding project which is expected to be completed in November. Pray for financial provision for this project and the safety of all construction workers. Pray for a strong and united staff team. Thank God also for the good relationship the church has built with St Margaret's Primary School over the last 2 years.

#### **CATHEDRAL**

#### Members

As we enter a New Year, pray for members to heed the call to be true worshippers who love God and who put Him first in our lives. Pray that we will be fully committed to serve Him, bear fruit in evangelism and grow as disciples who are passionately committed to Christ. Pray that the new sermon series from the book of Acts will challenge and inspire us to be fervent in fulfilling the Great Commission, to make disciples of all nations. Pray that Christ will be highly exalted and God's Name be glorified, in and through His church.

#### Alpha@Cathedral (31 Jan – 24 Apr)

Pray for good response to the first run of our Alpha@Cathedral in 2024; for excellent facilitation of small group discussion by our group facilitators; for our guests to have a positive experience and for spiritual encounters with our living, risen Lord.

## SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

In English			
TIME	HOLY COMMUNION	VENUE	
Sat 4.00 pm	2nd and 4th week	CNS	
Sat 5.30pm	Last week	Prayer Halls	
Sun 8.00 am	Weekly	Nave	
Sun 9.30am	2nd and 4th week	CNS	
Sun 11.30am	Weekly	Nave	
Sun 2.00 pm (Youth*)		NT Hall	
Sun 4.30 pm	Weekly**	Nave	
Wed 12.30pm	Weekly	Nave	
In other languages			
Sat 2.30 pm (Hokkien)	2nd week	Chapel for All Peoples	
Sun 2.30 pm (Myanmar)	Weekly	CNS	

- \* There is no Youth service on the 4th Sunday of the month.
- \*\* The Evensong Service will be in session on the last Sunday and there will be no administration of Holy Communion.

#### **CESSATION OF LIVE-STREAMING OF SERVICES**

The live-streaming of services has ceased with effect from 1 Jan 2024.

<u>Please watch the video announcement</u> made by the church leadership for the cessation of the live-streaming.

The weekly sermons will be made available at <u>cathedral.org.sg/youtube</u>

## PASSIONATELY COMMITTED TO CHRIST

**SERMON SERIES 2024** 

### **JANUARY**

#### 6&7

On Mission for God Revd Christopher Chan

#### 13 & 14

All for One and One for All Revd Daniel Lim

## 20 & 21

Rise Up and Walk! Revd Andrew Yap

## 27 & 28

Courageous Witness Revd Christopher Chan

### **FEBRUARY**

3&4

Fear God! Revd Alvin Toh

10 & 11

Spirit-empowered Service Revd Moses Israeli

## 14 (Ash Wednesday)

A Broken and Contrite Heart Archdeacon Daniel Wee

17 & 18

**Tested in the Wilderness**Revd Dr Chiang Ming Shun
Dr Mark Chan

24 & 25

**Losing Our Lives for Christ's Sake** Revd Christopher Chan

Follow our weekly reflection questions at:

cathedral.org.sg/ss



Building up every child towards spiritual maturity

## CHILDREN MINISTRY

Preschool - Primary 6 (ages 3 - 12)

Ministry	Day/Time	Venue
City Kids	Saturday 4:00pm	Classrooms (B2)
Faith Kids 1	Sunday 9:30am	Prayer Halls (B1) Classrooms (B2)
Faith Kids 2	Sunday 11:15am	NT Hall Prayer Closets 1/2/3 (Nave L2)

Register here and join us for children ministry!

## SHALOM FRIENDS (ages 13 - 25)

Shalom Friends reaches out to youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Due to the nature of the ministry, Shalom Friends will cater for youths up to 25 years old.

**Shalom Friends** 

Saturday 2:00pm

SAC B1 Prayer Halls

Register to join us for Shalom Friends here

## **CATHEDRAL YOUTH**

The Cathedral Youth Ministry welcomes all youths from 13 - 25 years old

## First 3 Sundays of the month

- Youth Service 2pm @ North Transept Hall
- Metamorphosis 10.45am @ Chapel For All Peoples & Prayer Hall C



https://tinyurl.com/SACYM

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WEDNESDAY 12.30PM @ THE NAVE Holy Communion Service

## A Distinctive Life

(From the Letter of Paul to the Philippians)

3 Jan 24 What is Your Purpose in Life?

10 Jan 24 Be Like Christ in Humility

17 Jan 24 Pressing Towards the Finishing Line

24 Jan 24 No Wed Service - Provincial Synod

31 Jan 24 Rejoice in All Situations

**Preacher: Revd Peter Chen** 

THE INSTALLATION OF THE  $7^{\text{TH}}$  ARCHBISHOP OF THE PROVINCE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

23 / 01 / 24

TUESDAY AT 4PM

JOIN THE INSTALLATION SERVICE VIA LIVESTREAM LIVESTREAM LINK: HTTPS://BIT.LY/ABP\_PSEA24



## **Welcome Hosts**

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## The Cathedral Welcome Centre

With great anticipation and excitement,
we look forward to the long-awaited reopening of
the Cathedral Welcome Centre scheduled in April 2024.
We envision it to be a place of blessing to both the public and members
– an oasis offering rest and respite from the activities,
cares and busyness of life and work.

It is our heartfelt prayer that our Lord Jesus will draw many to encounter him – being refreshed, restored and encouraged with hope, and lives transformed through the sharing of the good news.

## "... I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

Matthew 25:35



If you aspire to be a channel of God's love and blessing to the community, if you are warm hearted and love offering friendly smiles, come be a Welcome Host!

No prior experience is needed. Training will be provided. Consider pairing up with a friend, family or cell member to serve in this ministry. The preparation for this ministry will begin in first quarter of 2024.

Scan/click the QR code to find out more and sign up as a Welcome Host.

For further enquiries, please email pataw@cathedral.org.sg

## Join us to explore life's big questions

## Alpha@Cathedral 31 Jan - 24 Apr 2024 Wed, 7pm-9pm, Prayer Halls



Find out more at https://cathedral.org.sg/alpha Registration closes on 14 Jan 24

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Think God might be calling you into full-time ministry?

Keen to give a season of your life to church work (pastoral, admin, or operations)?

## Join SAC as an intern!

This programme is open only to SAC members who are Singaporeans or Singapore PR. A small allowance will be given and confirmation of internship is subject to approval.



Apply or find out more at https://cathedral.org.sg/intern



#### **OUR VISION**

Every person salved, secure and significant in Christ, living the abundant life, for the glory of God!

#### **OUR MISSION**

To journey with people toward wholeness, by offering the gift of our presence, a listening ear, a compassionate

heart; to pray with, give encouragement and practical help for the way ahead, with reliance on God and the help of His Holy Spirit.

#### Our Care Teams are organised as follows:

- Care for the Elderly
- Care for the Young (the teens to 20s)
- Care for Married Couples and Families
- Care for Divorced and Separated (Renewing Streams Ministry)
- Care for the Sick
- Care for the Bereaved
- Care for all Others (who do not fall into the above categories)

If you are facing challenges and would like the ministry to reach out to you, do contact us at membercare@cathedral.org.sg or call 6337 6104. To find out more about the ministry or volunteer with us, please visit https://cathedral.org.sg/care

## MORE CHILDREN MINISTRY WORKERS NEEDED!

Is it your desire and prayer to see the children of St Andrew's Cathedral rooted in the worship of God and in the body of Christ?

Then join our team of dedicated teachers in partnership with the parents to disciple the next generation! You may also serve as teacher-aides to assist the teachers in the administration and management of the class.

You may choose to serve in one or more of the following sessions:

CityKids Saturday 4pm FaithKids 1 Sunday 9.30am FaithKids 2 Sunday 11.15am



Fill up the form now and we will get in touch with you very soon!



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## Serve with us

Is God leading you to serve Him in a certain ministry? There's a place for everyone!

**Ministry Opportunities at our Worship Services:** 

- Usher
- Welcome/Info Desk Befriender
- Fellowship F&B Team Member
- Audio/Visual Crew

Scan QR code to access the full listing of ministry opportunities and register your interest!



cathedral org.sg/serve

Organised by Cathedral Women's Fellowship

## 1 day Pre-Chinese New Year Shopping Trip at JB 30 January 2024

Cost: \$68 per person (Inclusive of lunch and dinner)
To register, contact Sarah at <a href="mailto:cwf@cathedral.org.sg">cwf@cathedral.org.sg</a>
Only 30 seats are available.

Closing date for registration is 21 January 2024.

Please ensure a minimum passport validity of 6 months and from the traveling date. All participants shall be responsible for any visa application if required.

The coach leaves SAC at 7.30am.



Senior Members' Fellowship

# Chinese New Year SHOPPING

Visit various factory outlets selling CNY goodies in Senoko, Woodlands Terrace, etc.

## 6 February 2024, 9.30am

The bus will leave Cathedral punctually at 9.30am and be back at approximately 4.30pm

## Cost: \$6

Pay via PayNow
Name: St Andrew's Cath Parochial Church C
UEN: T08CC4055LT01
Indicate "SMF" in the reference

First come first serve with payment (Before paying, please WhatsApp David Ng at 98332786 to confirm a seat.) For more details, WhatsApp at 98332786 or email davidng@cathedral.org.sg



Materials needed: Stapler,
Ang Pow packets, hanging frill, ribbon, and scissors

To register, email David at <a href="mailto:davidng@cathedral.org.sg">davidng@cathedral.org.sg</a> or WhatsApp 98332786.

Registration closes on 17 January 2024.

## STAY CONNECTED

with the Cathedral



For children, youth and young adults

Find out about our Sunday School, Youth and Young Adult ministries:



cathedral.org.sg/nextgen



#### **Cell Group**

Being part of a cell group allows us to grow in our Christian faith as we share our lives with each other. Join one at:



cathedral.org.sg/cell-groups



#### NAVE RESTORATION PROJECT

Visit the web page for updates or drop us an email to find out more:



**m** cathedral.org.sg/restoration





#### **Member Contact Details**

Update your contact details held in the SAC records at:



cathedral.org.sg/membership





## JOIN OUR T

The following positions are open for application:

- Communications Executive
- SAC Home Care Associate
- Youth & Children Worker (CITY Community Services)

Find out more at cathedral.org.sg/jobs



## CAR PARK

Members who wish to park at the SAC car park with member rates or to update their change of vehicle for member rates must submit their application at: cathedral.org.sg/carpark

For enquiries, please email carpark@cathedral.org.sg



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### **CYCLE OF PRAYER 2023**



## Synod Presidential Address

Hear Bishop Titus' heart for our diocese in this season!

Download a copy from the diocesan website at https://anglican.org.sg/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Synod-Address-Nov-2003 final.pdf



For job opportunities in the Anglican Diocese, please visit anglican.org.sg/work-with-us/

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## GVE tithes and offerings



## 2 WAYS TO GIVE



## Cheques

### **Internet Banking**

Account Name: St Andrew's Cathedral Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-903411-8

## **PayNow**

PayNow Name:

St Andrew's Cath Parochial Church C UEN: T08CC4055LT01

Receipts will not be issued for online givings.

## Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

On the reverse side of the cheque, you may indicate your Tithing number (if any).

If you would like a receipt, please also write your name and mailing address.

Cheques can be mailed to St Andrew's Cathedral, 11 St Andrew's Road, Singapore 178959

#### FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Tithes & Offerings:** Your tithes and offerings will be used to support the ministries of the Church as well as the wider body of Christ in the world. Your givings enable the Church to carry out our mission according to the Church's budget plan, as well as to respond to the needs around us.

**Designated Givings:** As Cathedral is required to comply with applicable laws and regulations, including those governing charities, the Church can accept designated givings only for such mission partners and/or causes as the Church may determine at its discretion from time to time. Givings to other mission partners or causes will be treated as general offerings to support the ministries of the Church. Please email <a href="mailto:finance@cathedral.org.sg">finance@cathedral.org.sg</a> for clarification on designated mission partners and causes.